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Hi Jeff

I just want to give you an advance warning. I'm 99.9% sure that I will not certify the new 2006 pay 2007 values. From the evidence I have seen and the discussions I have had, I believe that the figures are incorrect. I have been told that your agency has been notified within the last couple of days that the workbook is incorrect. I have been told by at least six different people in different assessing positions that the data is wrong. I have sent you the reports from Crowe Horwath LLP as well as a copy of the information that Mr. Wendt is requesting through the Indiana Board of Tax Review. My office has processed numerous corrections prior to the figures being rolled to us as well as many corrections that are pending since we are now unable to change anything. I cannot certify something that I feel is wrong. I know I will take heat for this decision, but I need to do what I think is correct and best for the taxpayers of LaPorte County. I have asked Craig Braje, the County Attorney about this and have sent him the same info that I sent you for his review and advice, but the ultimate decision is mine.

Craig Hinchman
La Porte County Auditor